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Shell Eggs Broken Down 1 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 165 million dozen during October 2004, down 1 percent from October a year ago.

October 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, compared to 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays in October 2003.

During calendar year 2004, shell eggs broken totaled 1.60 billion dozen, up 5 percent from the 1.53 billion dozen broken in 2003. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2004 was 2.06 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2003.

Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication were used.

Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, United States, October 2003-04

Inspected Item	Period		2004 as % of 2003
	Oct 2003	Oct 2004	
Shell Eggs Broken	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	166,721	164,853	99
Edible Liquid from Shell Eggs Broken	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Whole	138,981	131,668	95
White	48,124	53,289	111
Yolk	25,744	28,280	110
Total	212,849	213,237	100
Inedible Liquid from Shell Eggs Broken	19,190	18,445	96

**Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, Cumulative,
United States, January-October, 2003-04**

Inspected Item	Period		2004 as % of 2003
	Jan-Oct, 2003	Jan-Oct, 2004	
Shell Eggs Broken	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	1,528,561	1,604,885	105
Edible Liquid from Shell Eggs Broken	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Whole	1,240,728	1,276,223	103
White	462,663	513,658	111
Yolk	246,892	274,408	111
Total	1,950,283	2,064,289	106
Inedible Liquid from Shell Eggs Broken	181,362	180,249	99

Data Sources: Data for the "**Egg Products**" report are obtained from Grading Volume Reports (Form PY-240) completed by inspectors of the Egg Products Inspection Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA. FSIS is responsible for administering a mandatory inspection program for egg products under the authority of the Egg Products Inspection Act of 1970. The Act and its associated Regulations require that all commercial egg breaking and processing plants operate under continuous USDA supervision. Reports are currently received from approximately 75 plants. Plant management provides monthly volume data to the resident USDA inspector at the applicable plant.

Procedures and Reliability: FSIS reviews plant data for accuracy and completeness and provides NASS a data file. NASS reviews the data for unusual values. The egg products estimates are based on a census of all commercial egg breaking and processing plants, therefore, there are no statistical estimation and sampling errors.

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